Many Persons being at a Loss to know the Plant which is the true INDIAN PHYSICK, *I thought it not amiss to give the Publick a distinct and plain Account of it.*

THE Root hath the Appearance of the true *Ipecacuana*, Branching from the Centre every Way near the Top of the Ground, or about two or three Inches deep, from which riseth one Stalk, finely chaneled with redish Lines; from the Sides of which grow alternately, about the Distance of two Inches, from near the Bottom to the Top, three distinct Leaves, two Inches long, and near an Inch broad, finely toothed round the Edges, and pointed at the Ends, but joined near the Stalk; out of the Bosom of which ariseth Branches of every Side the Stalk, which are in large Plants again divided into several Branches, and three Leaves joined together accompany the Beginning of every Branch, both which diminish the nearer they are to the Top; where there is commonly, set upon Foot-Stalks half an Inch long, three white Flowers, consisting of five Leaves to each Flower: The Plant groweth from two Foot to four Foot high, in hilly Ground; in these Northern Provinces the whole Plant is bitter in Taste. This is the true INDIAN PHYSICK mentioned in that valuable little Book, entituled *Every Man his own Doctor*, written by a learned Gentleman in *Virginia*, whom I had a Letter of Recommendation unto from *London*: I enquired of him, particularly, concerning the *Ipecacuana* mentioned in his Book, and he shewed me a large Quantity of it, which was gathered for his own Practice: He told me, that less than *Sixty Grains* was not a full Dose for a Man. This I mention because many in *Pensylvania* and *Maryland* use a Species of the Spurges, which yieldeth Milk when broken, and is a violent Medicine, instead of that which the Gentleman designed.

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